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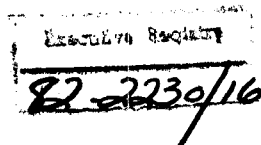
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MEMORANDUM TO: The Honorable Judge William P. Clark
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

FROM: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: International Broadcasting Requirements Study

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 7 June 1982 to DCI from Robert
McFarlane, Deputy Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs Re Same Subject

I think the International Broadcasting Requirements Study is an excellent summary of the situation and the key role that broadcasting plays in the execution of US national security policy. I concur in the thrust of the paper and in the recommendations for expanded funding to meet our requirements in this critical area. I have three specific observations to make. These points are keyed to designated paragraphs in the Study:

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I.C. Regional/Language Objectives and Priorities.

- I am inclined to include among the "critical national languages" list two key Central Asian languages: Uzbek, Kazakh (at the same priority level as broadcasts to Eastern Europe and the Ukraine). I am not suggesting that the time allotment be the same but that efforts to reach the Central Asian/Muslim populations of the Soviet Union should be accorded a very high priority.

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II.A. The International Broadcasting Environment:
Relationship of VOA and RFE/RL.

We are particularly pleased to see the projected growth for RFE/RL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] these are essentially programs designed to provide a "free press" within the Soviet Bloc. In this regard we believe the continued full separation from VOA is important for U.S. national security concerns. Moscow propaganda continues to assert regularly that CIA funds and directs RFE/RL. While the charge is patently false, closer linkage of RFE/RL with VOA, the official voice of the USG is likely to lend some credibility to this charge. The current separation also provides the government with maximum flexibility in developing and implementing our communications strategies both to the Soviet Bloc region and to the world at large.


William J. Casey
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